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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT :

TUG-International Geographical Union
Meetings at Stockholm.

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1. Purpose - To attend geographic and cartographic working sessions and lectures. Familiarization of latest cartographic efforts and plans of participating countries. Establish personal contact with [REDACTED] geographers.

2. Activities and Findings - Numerous lectures given by Satellite geographers and some Soviet geographers were attended. The general impression gained was that western geographers were disappointed by the lack of attendance of Soviet geographers and the lack of depth of the Soviet papers presented. Satellite geographers gave more information and generally were more friendly than the Soviets.

A tour of ESSELTE, a large commercial, map-producing combine, was most rewarding. ESSELTE has the largest facilities for map compilation and map reproduction in Sweden; therefore it receives the largest portion of government contracts for official mapping in Sweden. They produce maps of all scales - for all purposes. The working conditions are excellent, i.e., clean, modern equipment, excellent lighting. Their map reproducing equipment is good and they are installing a new, large Klimsch camera imported from Germany. The most significant series being worked on currently is a large scale, 1:10,000 series covering the whole of Sweden. This series is now 60% complete. Small scale relief maps are compiled, drafted and reproduced for commercial scale primarily to SAS and other airlines. ESSELTE is able to compile and draft a small scale relief map in two or three weeks. An example of this was a four color relief map of Alaska. The commercial artist compiles and drafts the relief plates. He used a blue-line board and portrays the relief with pencil from contour form lines.

The display of atlases and maps produced by the Soviet-Satellite countries consisted of well known work available to western sources. Some large scale Soviet maps were displayed on Antarctica for a brief period during a lecture on Soviet Antarctic research studies and then were removed.

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Several contacts with [REDACTED] geographers attending the meetings were made and several invitations were extended to me during the course of the IOU meetings.

3. Conclusions - The net gain of attending an international congress of this scope is found in the personal contact with representatives of geographic and cartographic activities throughout the world. A look at their problems, aspirations and work is of great professional value.

4. Problems - None.

5. Commitments and Recommendations - Commitments - None. As a general recommendation it would seem desirable for closer personal contact particularly by greater participation in field trips before and after the formal meetings where daily contact with Soviet and Satellite personnel seemed more productive.

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